

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-08-05

Issued at: Homer, Alaska
September 26, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
September 27, 2005

Expiration Date: Sept. 30, 2005

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order reopens the state Tier II permit hunt TM549 for moose in Unit 15(C) for those four permit holders with 2005 permits for TM549. All other moose hunting seasons in Unit 15 are unaffected by this Emergency Order.

REGULATION:

Therefore the following regulations in 5AAC 85.045(13), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose**, are superseded by this emergency order as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence Hunt only)	Nonresident Open Season
(13) ...		
Unit 15(C), that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay ...	Aug. 20-Sept. 20, Sept. 27-Sept. 30	No open season

All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 15 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Thomas McDonough
Kenai Asst. Area Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The average harvest for TM 549 over the past 18 years has been less than one moose per year. Since 1996, four Tier II permits have been issued each year. There were zero moose taken in eight of the past 18 seasons. An area including the boundaries of TM549 was last surveyed for moose in 1991 and eight moose were counted. This is a very low-density area for moose that cannot sustain a large harvest. To date, none of the four 2005 permit holders for TM549 have been successful. Early closures of the fishing season have created a necessity for the local permit holders to have an increased opportunity to hunt moose locally.